

Pascarell	Rutherford	Tiberi
Paulsen	Ryan (OH)	Tipton
Payne	Sánchez	Titus
Pearce	Sanford	Tonko
Perlmutter	Sarbanes	Torres
Perry	Scalise	Trott
Peters	Schakowsky	Tsongas
Peterson	Schiff	Turner
Pingree	Schneider	Upton
Pittenger	Schrader	Valadao
Pocan	Schweikert	Vargas
Poe (TX)	Scott (VA)	Veasey
Poliquin	Scott, Austin	Vela
Posey	Scott, David	Velázquez
Price (NC)	Sensenbrenner	Wagner
Quigley	Serrano	Walberg
Raskin	Sessions	Walden
Ratcliffe	Sewell (AL)	Walker
Reed	Shea-Porter	Walorski
Reichert	Sherman	Walters, Mimi
Renacci	Shimkus	Walz
Rice (NY)	Shuster	Wasserman
Rice (SC)	Sinema	Schultz
Roe (TN)	Sires	Waters, Maxine
Rogers (KY)	Smith (MO)	Watson Coleman
Rohrabacher	Smith (NE)	Weber (TX)
Rokita	Smith (NJ)	Webster (FL)
Rooney, Francis	Smith (TX)	Welch
Rooney, Thomas J.	Smith (WA)	Wenstrup
Ros-Lehtinen	Smucker	Westerman
Rosen	Stefanik	Williams
Roskam	Stewart	Wilson (FL)
Ross	Stivers	Wilson (SC)
Rothfus	Suozi	Wittman
Rouzer	Swalwell (CA)	Womack
Roybal-Allard	Takano	Woodall
Royce (CA)	Taylor	Yarmuth
Ruiz	Tenney	Yoder
Ruppersberger	Thompson (CA)	Young (AK)
Rush	Thompson (PA)	Young (IA)
Russell	Thornberry	Zeldin

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## NOT VOTING—34

Abraham	Duffy	Polis
Amodei	Engel	Richmond
Barletta	Gohmert	Roby
Barton	Grijalva	Rogers (AL)
Bishop (GA)	Gutiérrez	Simpson
Bridenstine	Kind	Slaughter
Butterfield	Lieu, Ted	Speier
Clay	Lofgren	Thompson (MS)
Clyburn	McClintock	Visclosky
Comstock	Murphy (FL)	Yoho
Cummings	Palazzo	
Davis, Danny	Pelosi	

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### RECOGNIZING WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the world celebrated Autism Awareness Day.

Each year, Autism Speaks asks people across the Nation and around the globe to “Light It Up Blue” in an effort to increase understanding and acceptance.

Last night, right here in our Nation’s Capital, the White House joined hundreds of iconic landmarks as it illuminated the exterior blue. Individuals wore blue clothing or turned their on-line profile photos blue.

Autism spectrum disorders affect an estimated 1 out of every 68 children in

the United States. These families face enormous challenges in assisting their loved ones over the course of their lifetimes. Each year, an estimated 50,000 youth will turn 18 in the United States, and many face a services cliff when school-based programs end.

Men and women living on the autism spectrum have made incredible contributions to our society. We must continue to research the causes of autism and work to strengthen opportunities for individuals with autism to live full lives.

Together, we can increase understanding and acceptance as we celebrate and support so many Americans who live with autism.

### GORSUCH NOMINATION

(Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, Judge Neil Gorsuch’s lifelong appointment to the Supreme Court would have serious consequences for all Americans, but especially the health and well-being of African-American women.

In 2013, by ruling that corporations have the right to deny access to contraceptives on employer-sponsored health insurance plans, Judge Gorsuch proved that he believes the reproductive decisions of women nationwide can and should impact their livelihood. This is problematic and troubling.

For Black women and so many women across the world, birth control is a matter of health and life. We rely on contraception to treat endometriosis, manage uterine fibroids, unplanned pregnancies, and quell PMS symptoms.

In 2013, Judge Neil Gorsuch made the decision that his overarching commitment to religious freedom as a constitutional and statutory right is more important than lifesaving reproductive care.

In 2013, he proved he should not be confirmed to the United States Supreme Court. For this reason and a host of others, I implore my colleagues in the Senate to take all available steps to oppose Judge Gorsuch’s nomination.

### RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI ON ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to the city of West Miami in recognition of its 70th anniversary.

What began as a small town of 700 residents has flourished into a haven for nearly 7,000 south Floridians, including my constituents, Senator MARCO RUBIO and Miami-Dade County commissioners and former West Miami Mayor Rebeca Sosa, who are proud to call West Miami home.

While the city itself is less than 1 square mile, the tremendous growth that has graced West Miami in the past 70 years has led to the creation of some of the finest public parks and summer camps in our State.

To celebrate its founding, local officials, businesses, residents, and their families will gather together on Saturday, April 8, at Cooper Park, in celebration of this incredible milestone.

I am honored to represent the city of West Miami, and I thank all who have dedicated countless hours to making this corner of south Florida special for all of us to enjoy.

### HONORING EQUAL PAY DAY

(Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in honor of Equal Pay Day, which is tomorrow.

Women in our country earn, on average, 78 cents for every dollar that a man makes. For women of color, that gap is larger. Even in my own district, the Eighth Congressional District of Illinois, where the overall disparity is smaller, women still only earn 83 cents on the dollar.

The pay gap is not simply a women’s issue, but a challenge for all Americans. Gender wage disparities are a fundamental obstacle to millions of families trying to make ends meet.

At a time when nearly two-thirds of mothers are primary, sole, or co-breadwinners for their families, the pay gap makes it that much harder to pay for groceries, housing, child care, and all the other necessities of daily life.

I am proud to be an original cosponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act and hope all my colleagues will join me in supporting this bill to address pay discrimination.

### PROTESTING THE ARREST OF REVEREND CAO SAN QIANG

(Mr. CONAWAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shed light on the religious persecution of Christians by the Chinese Government.

On March 5 of this year, Reverend Cao San Qiang, also known as “Pastor John,” was arrested and is still behind bars in the Yunnan province of southwest China. I believe that his arrest and detention was for inflated charges leveled against him simply because he is a Christian.

Pastor John has been a permanent resident of the United States since 1990, where he attended seminary and became a pastor in Greensboro, North Carolina. He is married, with two children, and is kind and humble. Even though he was living a comfortable life in the United States, he kept his Chinese citizenship so he could continue to

travel there and spread the good word of Jesus Christ.

He has been ministering to the impoverished people of Myanmar and the Yunnan province of China for over a decade. In these last 3 years, he helped build and staff 16 schools in northern Myanmar.

For years, Pastor John regularly crossed the border on his small motorcycle loaded with food and medicine, without incident. For some reason, this time, he was arrested and charged as a smuggler.

Since his arrest, Chinese officials have raided and threatened a number of Christian churches in several provinces. I urge the State Department to seek Pastor John's immediate release from Chinese custody and to stop further raids before other innocent individuals become casualties of aggressive religious persecution.

#### CONGRATULATING FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HORNETS

(Mr. BROWN of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Fairmont Heights Hornets for winning their first State basketball championship in 36 years.

After trailing by as much as 9 points, the Hornets, under the leadership of Coach Chuck Henry, won the 1A boys State title by a score of 65-52. The team of young scholars was resilient, played hard, and never panicked.

Credit is due to Coach Henry, who has taken his team to the State championship after only 2 years on the job. He is a role model, had high expectations for his students, and constantly pushed them to play better on the court and achieve more in the classroom. Throughout the season, Coach Henry never lost faith in his young team.

Mr. Speaker, the students on the winning Fairmont Heights team may not go on to play in the NCAA or the NBA, but the memories of this moment, the bonds they have built, and the lessons they have developed will stay with them for a lifetime.

Fairmont Heights High School has a proud legacy. When it opened its doors in 1950, it was only one of two high schools in the State of Maryland for African Americans. Now, nearly 70 years later, the school has made history again. This team has made Prince George's County and the entire Fourth Congressional District very proud.

Go, Hornets.

#### PROTECTING OUR BORDER

(Mr. ROTHFUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, the past several days, I had my first-ever tour

of our southwest border. During my visit, I met with Border Patrol agents in New Mexico and Texas, as well as ranchers and business leaders on the border.

Border security was a significant issue in the last election, as Americans are concerned about the flow of illegal narcotics and aliens across the border. Although gaps in security remain, I saw an impressive array of assets, including drones and manned aircraft, walls, cameras, and other materiel.

More impressive, however, are the men and women who work for Customs and Border Protection, who, at no small risk to themselves, work to keep America secure. They are very encouraged lately as they see policy changes coming that will allow them to enforce our laws. Mr. Speaker, these individuals are literally on the front line defending our Nation and communities, and I thank them for their service.

I understand that there are job opportunities with Border Patrol. For those seeking a public service career doing something bigger than themselves, that is something to consider.

#### EQUAL PAY DAY

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, over 50 years ago, President John F. Kennedy signed into law the Equal Pay Act, landmark legislation which requires that men and women in the same workplace be given equal pay for equal work.

Unfortunately, equal pay for equal work has not become a reality. In fact, women are paid between 79 and 80 cents for every dollar that men are paid for doing the exact same job. In fact, it takes women until tomorrow, April 4, to earn what men were paid in the previous year.

For women of color, the gap is even wider. In 2015, African-American women made 65 cents for every dollar earned by their White male counterparts. For Hispanic women, it is even worse. They earn 58 cents for every dollar earned by their White male counterparts.

Women pay a huge price because of the wage gap. Today, families rely increasingly on women's wages to make ends meet; and with less take-home pay, women have less money to cover the everyday needs of their family.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for Congress to right the wrong. Let's pass the Paycheck Fairness Act and send it to the President's desk for signature.

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#### END COMMERCIAL WHALING

(Mr. GAETZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, our great ally Australia has long been the lead-

ing voice in the world to end commercial whaling. I rise to let them know that they are not alone and to announce the filing of bipartisan legislation to support an end to commercial whaling.

Another of our valued allies, Japan, unfortunately continues this depraved practice. In fact, the Japanese whaling fleet has just returned home, having killed 333 Antarctic minke whales.

Despite the global ban on commercial whaling, Japan continues the slaughter on the seas under a thinly veiled claim of research. Research into whales is important, but all available science shows that this research can be conducted with nonlethal testing and biopsies.

The Japan whale hunt isn't about research. It is about whale meat. In 2012, a Japanese minister even commented that the minke whale offers great flavor and aroma as sashimi. I think that is disgusting.

The Japanese whalers shoot the world's majestic mammals with exploding harpoons and electric lances. Death can often take hours.

Commercial and fake research hunting of whales must end. I thank Australia for its leadership. I ask Japan to be honest with the world and end this barbaric practice.

#### JOBS SHOULD BE JOB ONE

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, the consensus for this Friday's Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs report is that it will show the economy added about 178,000 new private sector jobs in March. That is a good number, though not as good as the March numbers in recent years.

As *The New York Times* put it: "Growth in the first 3 months of the Trump administration is looking much the way it did" in the growth under President Obama.

But because of the current administration's inaction on vital economic issues, like infrastructure spending, right now about one in three market experts now think that a near-term stock market correction may be in the cards.

Instead of doing the things we need to do to rev up the economy, this body has been spending time trying to make it harder for women to access contraceptives, gutting our right to privacy on the internet, and trying to take health care away from millions of Americans. That is no way, Mr. Speaker, to create jobs.

How about we do what the President said he wanted to do? Let's make the investments that we need now that will stimulate the creation of good jobs—good-paying jobs for Americans. That should be job number one for this Congress.